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Prior June 29, Honduran press and public primarily occupied with strike and military developments Guatemala. Little attention possible OAS meeting. Major dailies 29th front-paged reports ten OAS members requested Rio meeting. Papers 30th carried Washington reports possibility cancellation as no longer necessary.

Reformist EL DIA commented June 26 exploring East-West struggle found Soviets stronger because political, economic empire and especially "in that peoples have no choice but side with either US or USSR. Communist ideology has been converted into formidable power against which Spanish American democracies have to fight shoulder to shoulder with USA."

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